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Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Board of Selectmen Meeting Room, Uxbridge Town Hall

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Please note some items may have been taken out of agenda order.

**Present:** Chairman Patrick Hannon, Secretary Jeff Shaw, Member Russell Holden, and Melissa Dillon, Conservation Administrator

Absent: Treasurer/Vice Chair Jim Hogan and Member Mike Potaski

It being 6:30 pm, the meeting being properly posted, duly called and a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the Chair.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Notice of Intent (NOI), DEP #312-1008, 48/0 Depot Street (Map 304/25, Parcel 1933/1064)

Applicant: New England Power Company

Project Description: Substation site improvements and feeder relocation, including the expansion of the existing access road, creation of a new parking area and electrical improvements to support the removal of the old 13.8 kV switchyard in the 200' Riverfront Area

- o Discussion: The Commission is hesitant to vote because of a possible lack of quorum so the Commission will review prior meetings and new material sent in. Theresa Portante from BSC Group on behalf of New England Power Company provided the Commission with a memo clarifying and addressing the concerns of the Commission brought up at the last meeting. Mr. Hannon proposed several special conditions dealing with erosion controls, snow management and de-icing, dewatering and concrete washout areas, and fueling and maintenance of equipment and vehicles. Mr. Hannon believes that Zone II is jurisdictional as a wetland resource area. The Commission could potentially condition that they be sent any and all monitoring reports to be updated on events or changes on the site. Mr. Hannon expressed his interest in using a Containment Pad for fueling and refueling of construction vehicles on the site since refueling of equipment may not be permitted in the Zone II. Compost socks are favorable to the Commission over the straw waddles. It could be possible to use the compost sock in place of the silt fence in certain areas also. The Conservation Commission may require a sign-off by the contractor of the Order of Conditions to hold them responsible.
- MOTION: I, Mr. Holden, move that we continue the hearing until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 3-0-0.
- 2. Notice of Intent (NOI), DEP #312-1009 734 & 748 West Street (Map 37, Parcel 4092& 4832)

Applicant: Northwood Homes, LLC Representative: Andrews Survey & Engineering Project Description: Construction of 9 single-family residential building lots and roadways within a Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland

- Discussion: Paul Hutnak, on behalf of the applicant, discusses the brief background of the property. The Commission was waiting on a letter from National Heritage so that the project could move forward. Work cannot start until the MESA review is complete. An abutter expressed his concern about water flowing down the property onto his land. The belief is that the land bordering the abutter is already saturated and the water could then flow onto his land. The Commission stated that the peer review done on this project did not raise any concerns involving the water coming off the new subdivision site.
- o MOTION: I, Mr. Holden, move that we issue an Order of Conditions with the Uxbridge Standard Special Conditions. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 3-0-0.
- 3. Notice of Intent (NOI), DEP #312-10XX, 68 Henry Street (Map 20, Parcel 2517)

Applicant: Countryside Associates, LLC Representative: Andrews Survey & Engineering Project Description: Construction of 12 townhouses with associated paving, landscaping, utilities, and earthwork within the 200' Riverfront Buffer Zone

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- o Discussion: Still awaiting wetland filing fees and would like to continue.
- MOTION: I, Mr. Holden, move that we continue the hearing until the regularly scheduled meeting on March 21, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 3-0-0.
- 4. Notice of Intent (NOI), DEP#312-1007, 12 Douglas Street (Map 24A, Parcel 847, 762, 768)

Applicant: 3P Properties LLC

Representative: Land Planning, Inc.

Project Description: Replacement and relocation of an existing culvert and filling of the old culvert within the 200' Riverfront Area buffer zone

- o Discussion: Norman Hill, on behalf of the applicant, have addressed all comments made during the peer review. The biggest change was to do most of the work without touching the brook and to install the ends touching the brook at the driest time of the year. Commission discussed having an environmental monitor there to oversee the installation of the first and last three sections. Sites visits will occur when erosion controls are installed, before dewatering occurs.
- o MOTION: I, Mr. Holden, move that issue an Order of Conditions with the Uxbridge Standard Special Conditions with the specific special conditions of 1. A site visit will occur with the Commission prior to any work and after erosion controls are installed 2. A site visit will occur with the Commission before dewatering occurs and all equipment is installed 3. An environmental professional will be on site during the entire installation of the first three and last three sections of the culvert and the Commission will be notified when work will commence 4. All work will commence when there is the lowest flow possible and will begin no earlier than July 1st and end my September 15th. Low flow will be determined by the engineer and work cannot commence without approval of this low flow. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 3-0-0.

## **WETLAND UPDATES/ISSUES**

- 1. Discussion of Conestoga/Saratoga
  - o No update

#### REPORTED/ONGOING VIOLATIONS

- 1. Enforcement Order/NOI Deadline-50 Douglas Street
  - Discussion: No NOI submitted. 40 Douglas was approved by Planning Board and the paved area is proposed parking area.
- 2. LW Tank
  - o Discussion: No update
- 3. Providence & Worcester Rail Road continuing violations
  - o Discussion: No update

#### **PROCESSING**

- 1. Endorse Meeting Minutes
  - Will approve next meeting

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

At approximately 8:10 pm, MOTION by Mr. Shaw that the Commission adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Holden, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote, Hannon – aye, Holden – aye, Shaw – aye.

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Respectfully submitted, Melissa Dillon	
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Patrick Hannon, Chairman	Russell Holden, Member
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Jim Hogan, Vice Chair/Treasurer	Michael Potaski, Member
Jeffrey Shaw, Clerk	
March 21, 2016  Date	